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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/48/811)]

48/228. Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

The General Assembly,

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Reaffirming its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and subsequent relevant resolutions,

Recalling section VI, paragraph 1, of its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, in which it reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters,

Recalling also its resolutions 45/253 of 21 December 1990 on programme planning and 47/213 of 23 December 1992 on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1994-1995,

1. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 contained in the report on the work of the second part of its thirty-third session, 1/ without prejudice to the priorities established by the General Assembly;

2. Deplores the extraordinary and unacceptable delay in the submission of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 2/ by the Secretary-General, which compelled the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs to conduct a review on the basis of incomplete and inadequately transparent proposals;

1/ A/48/16 (Part II).

2/ A/48/6.

3. Stresses that the activities included in the proposed programme budget must be derived from the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, 3/ as adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and 47/214 of 23 December 1992, and other relevant intergovernmental decisions, and should be aimed at the full implementation of the mandates, policies and priorities previously established;

4. Reaffirms its resolution 47/213;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, taking into account paragraph 69 of the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, 4/ to present extrabudgetary resources, including backstopping activities, in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 so as to show, to the extent possible, objects of expenditure, as is done in respect of the regular budget;

6. Regrets that the provisions of section III of its resolution 47/212 B of 6 May 1993 have not been applied to the sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

7. Stresses the need for full and comprehensive information regarding the costing parameters applied in the programme budget, including instructions to programme managers on the preparation of the budget, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 contains a clear indication of all the cost elements, including inflation, exchange-rate fluctuations and others;

8. Requests the Board of Auditors, as part of its audit of financial systems during the audit of regular budget accounts, to review the development of assumptions used in the presentation of the programme budget and performance reports, with a view to suggesting improvements;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to present in future budget documents the actual regular budget and extrabudgetary expenditure by object of expenditure by section for the prior and current bienniums, with appropriate forecasts to the end of the current biennium, to enable comparison with the request contained in the proposed programme budget;

10. Also requests the Secretary-General to include every three months in his report on the status of contributions a summary financial statement;

11. Regrets that the Secretary-General has not responded to the requests contained in section II, paragraphs 8 to 10, of its resolution 47/212 B;

12. Reiterates its request that the Secretary-General review the role of United Nations Headquarters, centres, the regional commissions and entities in the field, in particular the centres at Vienna and Nairobi, with a view to improving the distribution of responsibilities among them on the basis of their relative advantages; submit proposals to reflect the status of the centre at Nairobi; and identify activities that would benefit from relocation to Vienna;

13. Urges the Secretary-General to submit adequate proposals in response to these requests at the earliest possible time, but no later than at the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly;

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 and corrigendum (A/47/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1), vols. I and II.

4/ A/48/7.

14. Reiterates its request that the Secretary-General review and develop procedures and norms, including workload analyses, to justify the creation, suppression, reclassification, conversion and redeployment of posts, as contained in section II, paragraph 2, of General Assembly resolution 46/185 B of 20 December 1991, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

15. Stresses that, whenever a post becomes vacant, a proper programmatic/workload justification will be needed for its retention, abolition or redeployment;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to submit proposals relating to activities that may have become obsolete with a view to reallocating resources to priority areas;

17. Reaffirms the need for a comprehensive, substantive and timely dialogue between Member States and the Secretary-General on administrative and budgetary matters;

18. Recalls its resolution 47/211 of 23 December 1992, in which it approved, inter alia, the recommendations of the Board of Auditors with regard to payment to supernumerary staff contained in its report, 5/ and requests the Secretary-General to comply no later than 1 July 1994 and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on its implementation in the context of the agenda item entitled "Personnel questions";

19. Endorses the recommendations and observations regarding the vacancy management system and "vacancy pool" contained in paragraphs 17 to 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 4/ and, in this regard, reiterates the obligation of the Secretary-General to comply with financial regulation 4.5 and financial rule 104.4 relative to transfers of resources between appropriation sections;

20. Requests the Secretary-General to consider the desirability and practicability of creating a new budget section relating to resources for the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and external oversight mechanisms, including the Board of Auditors and the Joint Inspection Unit, without prejudice to their existing mandates or their autonomy, bearing in mind subparagraph (b) of General Assembly decision 47/454 of 23 December 1992, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

21. Also requests the Secretary-General to respect fully the rules and regulations governing programme planning in the presentation of future proposed programme budgets;

22. Decides to make the following changes in the programmatic narrative in the final published version of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995:

(a) To replace the references to the report entitled "An Agenda for Peace" as a mandate with references to General Assembly resolutions 47/120 A and B of 18 December 1992 and 20 September 1993, respectively;

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 5 and corrigendum (A/47/5), vol. I and Corr.1, sect. II.

(b) In section 3C (Department of Political Affairs II):

(i) To include, in paragraph 3C.36, after the words "resolution 46/137 of 17 December 1991", a reference to paragraph 4.37 of the medium-term plan, as amended in the annex to Assembly resolution 47/214;

(ii) To reformulate paragraph 3C.37 to ensure that references to procedures for electoral assistance duly reflect the provisions adopted by the General Assembly and properly respect the agreed specific functions of the resident coordinators;

(c) To delete the reference to preventive diplomacy under section 3B (Department of Political Affairs I), programme 3, subprogramme 4;

(d) In section 21 (Human rights):

(i) To include reference to the Working Group on the Right to Development;

(ii) To insert the word "mandated" before each reference to fact-finding missions;

23. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To identify appropriate activities under section 9 (Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis) of the proposed programme budget, with a view to implementing General Assembly resolutions 44/215 of 22 December 1989 and 46/210 of 20 December 1991;

(b) To reformulate activities under section 9, programme 1, subprogramme 5, in order to reflect all the aspects of the pertinent resolutions, as well as the relevant mandates of programme 21 (Public administration and finance) of the medium-term plan, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

(c) To reformulate activities under section 10 (Department for Development Support and Management Services), programme 2, in accordance with the relevant mandates of programme 21 of the medium-term plan, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

(d) To transfer the responsibility related to the preparation of the reports on the new international humanitarian order from section 21 to section 23 (Department of Humanitarian Affairs);

24. Also requests the Secretary-General to strengthen the coordination between the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, taking into account the role of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna and the observations contained in paragraph IV.51 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 4/

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1. Approves the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as expressed in chapter I of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, 4/ and requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures;

2. Takes note of the statement made by the Secretary-General to the Fifth Committee on 24 November 1993 regarding the temporary suspension of recruitment of Professional staff introduced in 1992 6/ and of paragraph 57 of the first report of the Advisory Committee;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit proposals to the General Assembly at its current session on the provision of and related arrangements for travel services and allowances, with a view to making more effective use of resources, taking into account the practices of Member States;

4. Decides that, until such time as posts have been reclassified according to prescribed internal procedures and approved by the General Assembly, no staff member encumbering a post under reclassification review shall be paid at the higher grade level;

5. Decides also that the total allocation for consultants and ad hoc experts shall be maintained at its total revised appropriation amount for the biennium 1992-1993, and requests the Secretary-General to take action to make the best use of those resources, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Board of Auditors and paragraph 74 of the first report of the Advisory Committee;

6. Decides further to set the vacancy factor in respect of General Service staff at 0.8 per cent;

7. Approves, subject to the modifications below, the recommendations and observations of the Advisory Committee as expressed in chapter II of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 and requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures;

Section 1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination

8. Accepts, in addition to the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on this section, the establishment of one D-1, two P-3 and two General Service posts on a temporary basis for the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, decides to review the staffing of this Office, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that there is no duplication with the work of other Secretariat units;

9. Invites Member States to make voluntary contributions for the financing of activities related to the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to clarify and review the distribution of responsibilities and liaison functions between the United Nations centres in Europe vis-à-vis organizations in Europe, taking into account all pertinent considerations and views expressed in the Fifth Committee;

11. Accepts the Secretary-General's proposals for an additional P-5 and an additional P-3 post for the Office of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva on a temporary basis and decides to keep under review the staffing of the Office of the Director-General on the basis of a report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

6/ See A/C.5/48/SR.24.

Section 3. Political affairs

12. Notes that the proposals of the Secretary-General for the merger of sections 3B and 3C of the proposed programme budget should release resources for redeployment within this section;

13. Accepts the proposal of the Secretary-General for the conversion of the post of Director of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific from the date the Director is permanently located in the Centre at Kathmandu;

14. Also accepts the proposals of the Secretary-General for consultants and ad hoc expert groups for the Office of Disarmament Affairs;

Section 4. Peace-keeping operations and special missions

15. Takes note of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee in its report 7/ and the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peace-keeping operations, 8/ and decides to consider the criteria for the scope and use of the support account for peace-keeping operations for headquarters support for peace-keeping operations at the earliest opportunity during its current session, and, pending the outcome of that review, authorizes the Secretary-General to continue current administrative arrangements concerning the Situation Room;

16. Decides to review, at its fiftieth session, the impact of the merger of the Field Operations Division into the Department of Peace-keeping Operations on the overall effectiveness of the Headquarters support system for peace-keeping operations and other field activities, on the basis of a report to be submitted on this matter;

Section 8. Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development

17. Accepts the proposals of the Secretary-General for full funding for the ad hoc secretariat on desertification for the biennium 1994-1995, subject to any expenditure in 1995 being mandated by the appropriate intergovernmental body;

18. Endorses provisional financing for the Non-Governmental Liaison Service through the United Nations regular budget in the amount proposed by the Secretary-General, on the understanding that such financing should not be used for salaries, travel and representation activities of the staffs of non-governmental organizations; in this regard, the Secretary-General shall require a report from the Non-Governmental Liaison Service on the use of this amount, which will be subject to audit by appropriate bodies;

19. Takes note of the proposal of the Secretary-General regarding the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, and requests the Secretary-General to consider the creation of a new budget section relating to the New Agenda with recommendations for additional resources and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its resumed forty-eighth session;

20. Accepts the proposals of the Secretary-General for the World Summit for Social Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women and the Global Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States in the

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8/ A/48/470.

light of the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination in paragraph 90 of its report, 1/ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate services and resources are provided for those events;

Section 9. Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis

21. Accepts the proposals of the Secretary-General for resources for the preparation for and servicing of the International Conference on Population and Development;

22. Also accepts the level of resources recommended by the Advisory Committee and requests the Secretary-General to provide adequate posts for activities dealing with micro-economic issues through redeployment;

Section 10. Department for Development Support and Management Services

23. Accepts, on a provisional basis, the proposal of the Secretary-General for section 10 related to regular budget funding, and requests a review of his proposals in the light of relevant recommendations and decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee;

24. Requests the Secretary-General, in the context of paragraph 33 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, 1/ to review the activities, resources and institutional and organizational arrangements of the Department for Development Support and Management Services, including those related to natural resources, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session with proposals aimed at the most effective delivery of technical cooperation to developing countries;

Section 11A. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

25. Calls upon the Secretary-General to ensure that the distribution of resources among the subprogrammes of section 11A properly reflects the priorities agreed at the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, taking into account the views of the Trade and Development Board, as well as the restructuring in the economic and social sectors;

26. Requests the Secretary-General to submit proposals for the implementation of section III, paragraph 4 (b), of its resolution 47/212 B in the context of his revised estimates for the biennium 1994-1995, and decides in the meantime to redeploy for activities relating to transnational corporations the temporary D-2 post proposed for abolition in paragraph 11A.57;

27. Accepts the proposal of the Secretary-General for resources for consultants and ad hoc expert groups as contained in paragraph 11A.159;

Section 11B. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT

28. Reiterates its request in section I, paragraph 3 (b), of its resolution 47/212 B, for the prompt appointment of the Executive Director of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT;

Section 12B. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)

29. Reiterates its request in section I, paragraph 3 (c), of its resolution 47/212 B, and stresses the need for the Secretary-General to implement fully and promptly the decisions of the General Assembly contained therein;

30. Accepts the proposal of the Secretary-General for the staffing level for this budget section, as shown in staffing table 12B.3;

31. Requests the Secretary-General to assure the allocation of adequate resources for the preparatory activities for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), to be held in 1996;

Section 15. Economic Commission for Africa

32. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the financial situation of the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders under active review and to submit proposals for any necessary additional funding for the Institute;

Section 21. Human rights

33. Accepts the proposals of the Secretary-General for the staffing resources for human rights activities;

34. Requests the Secretary-General to review the allocation of resources among the approved programmes in section 21 so as to ensure the most effective delivery of all mandated activities;

35. Takes note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph VI.2 of its report 4/ on section 21 of the proposed programme budget, in particular the issue of workload justification, and requests the Secretary-General to provide the information requested by the Advisory Committee for review by the General Assembly at its resumed forty-eighth session;

Section 22A. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

36. Requests the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to review the existing arrangements for regular budget and extrabudgetary funding for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, taking fully into account the increased demand upon the Office since 1989, and, if necessary, to submit proposals to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session through the appropriate intergovernmental bodies;

Section 23. Department of Humanitarian Affairs

37. Accepts one additional D-1 post located at Geneva and one additional P-2 post located in New York, decides to increase the reduction proposed by the Advisory Committee in its report from three to five General Service posts, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the staffing needs of this section under review;

Section 24. Public information

38. Requests the Secretary-General to review the requirements of the Department of Public Information, taking into account its role, functioning and activities, with a view to making it more effective, more relevant and more cost-effective and enhancing its ability to respond to the mandates entrusted to it;

39. Also requests the Secretary-General to review the resources devoted to public information activities currently proposed outside section 24, to assess their use and to examine the viability and implications of their possible consolidation within that section;

Section 25. Administration and management

40. Requests the Secretary-General to study the management and organizational structure of the Department of Administration and Management, in particular the senior posts structure, and the possible consolidation of administrative functions in various units of the Secretariat, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

41. Also requests the Secretary-General, in the light of paragraph VIII.23 of the report of the Advisory Committee, 4/ to submit a report to the General Assembly at its resumed forty-eighth session giving justification for his proposals to abolish nineteen posts in the Office of Conference Services, describing carefully the impact of such proposals on activities of the Office and programme delivery, and to submit proposals in this regard;

42. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session a comprehensive study on the organization, management and human resources requirements for the provision of adequate conference services as a basis for the consideration of his proposals for the regular budget for the biennium 1996-1997, and to provide Member States with previous studies on this matter that were carried out during the biennium 1992-1993;

43. Notes that the proposed increase in the section for the Department of Administration and Management is not fully justified;

44. Also notes the growing imbalance between proposed expenditures for administrative matters and those for substantive issues;

45. Further notes the observation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination in paragraph 35 of its report 1/ that preference should be given to the redeployment of the proposed increase to the extent possible to priority areas;

Section 27. Special expenses

46. Expresses concern about the high costs of after-service health insurance and requests the Secretary-General to seek ways and means to reduce the increases in these costs;

Section 30. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance

47. Accepts the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and decides to reduce further, by 6 million United States dollars, the proposed estimates of the Secretary-General for alterations, improvements and major maintenance at major headquarters locations.

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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/48/811)]

48/229. Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1994-1995

The General Assembly

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 1994-1995 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to the biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of 5 million United States dollars in any one year of the biennium 1994-1995, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the International Court of Justice, Article 31), not exceeding a total of 300,000 dollars;

(ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

(iii) The maintenance in office for completion of the cases of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of 40,000 dollars;

(iv) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges, and travel and removal expenses and installation grant of members of the Court (Statute, Article 32, paragraph 7), not exceeding a total of 180,000 dollars;

(v) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

(c) Such commitments, in an amount not exceeding 500,000 dollars, in the biennium 1994-1995, as the Secretary-General certifies are required for interorganizational security measures pursuant to section IV of General Assembly resolution 36/235 of 18 December 1981;

2. Resolves that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. Decides that, for the biennium 1994-1995, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding 10 million dollars in respect of the decision, that matter shall be brought to the General Assembly or, if the Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

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48/230. Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

The General Assembly

I

United Nations Observer Mission in South Africa

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report; 2/

2. Concurs, in particular, with the recommendation in paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in administering the appropriation, to take full account of the recommendations in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

II

Revised estimates under sections 25 (Administration and management), and 31 (Office for Inspections and Investigations)

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General 3/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

1/ A/C.5/48/28.

2/ A/48/745.

3/ A/C.5/48/42 and A/C.5/48/9 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

2. Approves the proposals made by the Secretary-General in paragraph 32 of his report 4/ regarding the redeployment of resources from section 25 (Administration and management) to section 31 (Office for Inspections and Investigations) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

3. Decides to continue the current arrangements as contained in the report of the Secretary-General, 5/ pending a review of the issue at its resumed forty-eighth session;

III

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its organizational and substantive sessions of 1993

Approves, on an exceptional basis, the travel expenses of the representatives of the least developed countries attending the regional preparatory meetings for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders and the Congress itself in accordance with the request in Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/32 of 27 July 1993;

IV

Financing of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 6/

2. Endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 6 of its report; 7/

3. Approves the estimate of 4 million United States dollars for the International Civilian Mission to Haiti for the period 1 January to 31 March 1994;

4. Authorizes the Secretary-General, should the Mission continue beyond 31 March 1994, to seek the concurrence of the Advisory Committee to enter into related commitments under the terms of the resolution of the General Assembly on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1994-1995;

V

Office of the Secretary-General in Afghanistan and Pakistan

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 8/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

4/ A/C.5/48/42.

5/ A/C.5/48/9 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

6/ A/C.5/48/27.

7/ A/48/7/Add.3.

8/ A/C.5/48/41.

VI

High-level posts

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 5/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report; 9/

2. Endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee;

3. Decides to consider at its resumed forty-eighth session the report of the Secretary-General on special representatives, envoys and related positions; 10/

VII

International Computing Centre: 1994-1995 budget estimates

Approves the 1994-1995 budget estimates for the International Computing Centre amounting to 25,099,000 dollars, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General; 11/

VIII

Recommendation of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters

1. Takes note of the note by the Secretary-General 12/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Approves the subvention of 220,000 dollars from the regular budget of the United Nations for 1994;

IX

Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of 16,044,100 dollars remains in the contingency fund.

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10/ A/C.5/48/26.

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48/231. Programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

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Budget appropriations for the biennium 1994-1995

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1994-1995:

1. Appropriations totalling 2,580,200,200 United States dollars are hereby approved for the following purposes:

Section		US dollars
	PART I. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	
1.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	37 049 800
	TOTAL, PART I	37 049 800
	PART II. Political affairs	
3.	Political affairs	67 923 600
4.	Peace-keeping operations and special missions	101 573 200
	TOTAL, PART II	169 496 800
	PART III. International justice and law	
5.	International Court of Justice	18 329 400
7.	Legal activities	32 490 000
	TOTAL, PART III	50 819 400
	PART IV. International cooperation for development	
8.	Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development	50 355 600
9.	Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis	46 815 700
10.	Department for Development Support and Management Services	29 385 800
11A.	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	108 296 400
11B.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT	19 982 200
12A.	United Nations Environment Programme	11 384 500
12B.	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	11 854 300
13.	Crime control	4 638 200
14.	International drug control	13 998 700
	TOTAL, PART IV	296 711 400
	PART V. Regional cooperation for development	
15.	Economic Commission for Africa	78 020 100
16.	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	59 846 200
17.	Economic Commission for Europe	44 684 500
18.	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	79 992 600
19.	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	38 226 600

Section		US dollars
20.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	42 910 000
	TOTAL, PART V	343 680 000
	PART VI. Human rights and humanitarian affairs	
21.	Human rights	36 063 300
22A.	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	45 329 400
22B.	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	21 007 900
23.	Department of Humanitarian Affairs	18 541 200
	TOTAL, PART VI	120 941 800
	PART VII. Public information	
24.	Public information	133 145 300
	TOTAL, PART VII	133 145 300
	PART VIII. Common support services	
25.	Administration and management	876 856 000
	TOTAL, PART VIII	876 856 000
	PART IX. Jointly financed activities and special expenses	
26.	Jointly financed administrative activities	26 192 800
27.	Special expenses	31 780 400
	TOTAL, PART IX	57 973 200
	PART X. Staff assessment	
28.	Staff assessment	404 949 000
	TOTAL, PART X	404 949 000
	PART XI. Capital expenditures	
29.	Technological innovations	18 841 500
30.	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	58 306 900
	TOTAL, PART XI	77 148 400
	PART XII. Office for Inspections and Investigations	
31.	Office for Inspections and Investigations	11 429 100
	TOTAL, PART XII	11 429 100
	GRAND TOTAL	2 580 200 200

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. The total net provision made under the various sections of the budget for contractual printing shall be administered as a unit under the direction of the United Nations Publications Board;

4. The appropriations for the regular programme of technical cooperation under part V, section 20, shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, except that the definition of obligations and the period of validity of obligations shall be subject to the following procedures:

(a) Obligations for personal services established in the current biennium shall be valid for the succeeding biennium, provided that appointments of the experts concerned are effected by the end of the current biennium and that the total period to be covered by obligations established for these purposes against the resources of the current biennium does not exceed twenty-four months;

(b) Obligations established in the current biennium for fellowships shall remain valid until liquidated, provided that the fellow has been nominated by the requesting Government and accepted by the Organization and that a formal letter of award has been issued to the requesting Government;

(c) Obligations in respect of contracts or purchase orders for supplies or equipment recorded in the current biennium shall remain valid until payment is effected to the contractor or vendor, unless they are cancelled;

5. In addition to the appropriations approved under paragraph 1 above, an amount of 51,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 1994-1995 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

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B

Income estimates for the biennium 1994-1995

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1994-1995:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling 477,401,700 United States dollars are approved as follows:

Income section		US dollars
1.	Income from staff assessment	411 364 200
2.	General income	59 258 800
3.	Services to the public	6 778 700
	TOTAL	477 401 700

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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C

Financing of appropriations for the year 1994

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the year 1994:

1. Budget appropriations in a total amount of 1,234,045,900 United States dollars, consisting of 1,290,100,100 dollars, being half of the appropriations approved for the biennium 1994-1995 by the General Assembly under paragraph 1 of resolution A above, less 56,054,200 dollars, being the decrease in revised appropriations for the biennium 1992-1993 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 48/219 A of 23 December 1993, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations as follows:

(a) 33,018,750 dollars, being half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium 1994-1995 under resolution B above, increased by 2,124,600 dollars, being the increase in estimated income other than staff assessment for the biennium 1992-1993 approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/219 B of 23 December 1993;

(b) 1,198,902,550 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 46/221 A and 48/223 A of 20 December 1991 and 23 December 1993 and Assembly decision 47/456

of 23 December 1992 on the scale of assessments for the year 1994;

2. There shall be set off against the assessments on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 175,860,700 dollars, consisting of:

(a) 205,681,600 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 1994-1995 under resolution B above;

(b) Less 29,820,900 dollars, being the decrease in the revised income from staff assessment for the biennium 1992-1993 approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/219 B.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/48/811)]

48/232. Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1994-1995

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 1994-1995 in the amount of 100 million United States dollars;

2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Member States to the budget for the year 1994;

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:

(a) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from the surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in an adjusted amount of 1,025,092 dollars;

(b) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1992-1993 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/188 of 20 December 1991;

4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1992-1993 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State in respect of the biennium 1994-1995;

5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments that may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 48/229 of 23 December 1993 relating to

unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as may be necessary to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities which, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed 200,000 dollars; advances in excess of the total of 200,000 dollars may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the biennium in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each biennium, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each biennium;

(e) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund;

6. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in the biennium 1994-1995, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved in General Assembly resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/48/L.52)]

48/233. Democratic and non-racial elections in South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/159 A, adopted by consensus on 20 December 1993, as well as its resolution 48/230 of 23 December 1993,

Recalling also Security Council resolutions 765 (1992) of 16 July 1992 and 772 (1992) of 17 August 1992,

Welcoming the agreement reached within the framework of multi-party negotiations to hold the first democratic elections in South Africa on 27 April 1994,

Welcoming also the adoption by Parliament, on 22 December 1993, of the Constitution for the Transitional Period as well as the Electoral Bill, and encouraging the efforts of all parties, including ongoing talks among them, aimed at the widest possible agreement on the arrangements for the transition to a democratic order,

Noting the request by the Transitional Executive Council to the United Nations for the provision of a sufficient number of international observers to monitor the electoral process, which also called upon the United Nations to coordinate, in close cooperation with the Independent Electoral Commission, the activities of the international observers provided by the Organization of African Unity, the Commonwealth and the European Union, as well as those provided by Governments,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the question of South Africa, 1/

1. Commends the Secretary-General for his prompt response to the requests contained in paragraphs 18 and 19 of its resolution 48/159 A, and welcomes the proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Takes note with satisfaction of Security Council resolution 894 (1994), adopted on 14 January 1994, by which the Council accepted the need to respond urgently to the request by the Transitional Executive Council and agreed with the proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General concerning the mandate and size of the United Nations Observer Mission in South Africa, including the proposals for the coordination of the activities of the international observers provided by the Organization of African Unity, the Commonwealth and the European Union, as well as those provided by other intergovernmental organizations or Governments;

3. Encourages Member States to respond positively to the request of the Secretary-General for election observers;

4. Urges all parties in South Africa, including those which did not participate fully in the multi-party talks, to respect agreements reached during the negotiations, to adhere to democratic principles and to take part in the elections;

5. Expresses its grave concern at the threat of the ongoing violence to the process of peaceful change, and calls upon all parties to promote the full participation of all South Africans in the democratic process in all parts of South Africa by exercising restraint and by refraining from acts of violence and intimidation;

6. Calls upon the South African authorities, including the Independent Electoral Commission, under the supervision and guidance of the Transitional Executive Council, to take the necessary measures to protect the rights of all South Africans to organize and participate in peaceful public manifestations and political rallies, to run for election and to participate in the polls in all parts of South Africa, including the "homelands", free of intimidation;

7. Calls upon all parties in South Africa to respect the safety and security of the international observers and to facilitate the carrying out of their mandate;

8. Welcomes the intention of the Secretary-General to set up a special trust fund to finance the participation of additional observers from African and other developing countries, and urges States to contribute generously to this fund.

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1/ A/48/845-S/1994/16 and Add.1.